

CLAIMS

1. A composition having a disperse system, which comprises

5 a matrix comprising a water-soluble auxiliary component (C) comprising at least an oligosaccharide (C1), and

a particulate dispersed phase comprising a meltable organic solid component (A) and a coloring agent (B), and  
10 being dispersed in the matrix.

2. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the dispersed phase comprises a polymer component (A) and the coloring agent (B).

3. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the  
15 coloring agent (B) comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of an oil-soluble dye and an organic or an inorganic pigment.

4. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the average particle size of the dispersed phase is 0.1 to 100  
20  $\mu\text{m}$ , and the average particle size of the coloring agent (B) is not more than 50% of the average particle size of the dispersed phase.

5. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the dispersed phase is a spherical dispersed phase having a  
25 coefficient of variation of an average particle size of not more than 60 and a length ratio of a major axis relative to a minor axis of 1.5/1 to 1/1.

6. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the proportion of the coloring agent (B) is 0.001 to 100 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of the organic solid component (A).

5           7. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharide (C1) comprises at least a tetrasaccharide.

8. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharide (C1) comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a starch sugar, a  
10 galactooligosaccharide, a coupling sugar, a fructooligosaccharide, a xylooligosaccharide, a soybean oligosaccharide, a chitin oligosaccharide and a chitosan oligosaccharide.

9. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the  
15 oligosaccharide (C1) has a viscosity of not lower than 1 Pa·s when a 50% by weight aqueous solution of the oligosaccharide is measured at a temperature of 25°C by a B-type viscometer.

10. A composition according to claim 1, wherein  
20 the auxiliary component (C) comprises the oligosaccharide (C1) and a water-soluble plasticizing component (C2) for plasticizing the oligosaccharide (C1).

11. A composition according to claim 10, wherein  
25 the oligosaccharide (C1) shows a melting point or softening point or is decomposed at a temperature higher than a heat distortion temperature of the organic solid component (A), and the melting point or softening point of the plasticizing

component (C2) is not higher than the heat distortion temperature of the organic solid component (A).

12. A composition according to claim 10, wherein the plasticizing component (C2) comprises at least one  
5 member selected from the group consisting of a saccharide and a sugar alcohol.

13. A composition according to claim 12, wherein the sugar alcohol comprises at least one member selected from the group of erythritol, pentaerythritol, arabitol,  
10 ribitol, xylitol, sorbitol, dulcitol and mannitol.

14. A composition according to claim 10, wherein the ratio (weight ratio) of the oligosaccharide (C1) relative to the plasticizing component (C2) is 99/1 to 50/50.

15. A composition according to claim 1, wherein  
15 the ratio (weight ratio) of the organic solid component (A) relative to the auxiliary component (C) is 55/45 to 1/99.

16. A process for producing a particle comprising an organic solid component (A) and a coloring agent (B),  
20 which comprises eluting an auxiliary component (C) from a composition recited in claim 1.

17. A particle obtainable by a process recited in claim 16.

18. A particle according to claim 17, which is a  
25 spherical particle having an average particle size of 0.1 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , a coefficient of variation of the average particle size of not more than 60, and a length ratio of a major

axis relative to a minor axis of 1.5/1 to 1/1.